

# STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

GEORGE G. REINLE.....President  
CLARENCE G. TOLAND.....President-Elect  
EMMA W. POPE.....Secretary-Treasurer

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

**Railroad Transportation to Riverside—Annual Session (April 30 to May 3, 1934).**—Buy through ticket to Riverside on *Sunset Limited*, Sunday, April 29. If twenty-five or more passengers on the Sunday night Limited hold Riverside tickets, special electric trains to Riverside will connect at the Southern Pacific depot in Los Angeles, to take passengers direct to Riverside. The *Sunset Limited* leaves San Francisco at 6:45 p. m. and reaches Los Angeles at 8:15 a. m.

The Lark and Padre arrive too late to permit attendance at the opening of the Monday general session.

Buy your ticket direct to Riverside, via Los Angeles, on *Sunset Limited*. Round trip, \$21.10.

### Hotel Rates for Annual Session April 30 to May 3, 1934

MISSION INN, CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

#### American Plan

Single rooms without bath, \$6 per day.  
Single room with bath, \$8 per day.  
Double room without bath, \$11 per day.  
Double room with bath, \$13 per day.

### Other Riverside Hotels

#### European Plan

#### Reynolds Hotel—One Hundred Rooms

Single rooms without bath, \$1.50.  
Single rooms with bath, \$2.50.  
Double rooms without bath, \$2.50.  
Double rooms with bath, \$3.50.

#### Tetley Hotel—One Hundred Rooms

Single rooms without bath, \$1 and \$1.50.  
Single rooms with bath, \$1.50 and \$2.  
Double rooms without bath, \$1.50 and \$2.  
Double rooms with bath, \$2 and \$3.

#### Plaza Hotel\*—Forty-Two Rooms

Single rooms without bath, \$1.  
Single rooms with bath, \$2 and \$2.50.  
Double rooms without bath, \$1.50.  
Double rooms with bath, \$3.

#### Potter Hotel—Twenty-Six Rooms

Single rooms with bath, \$2 and \$2.50.  
Double rooms with bath, \$3 (garage included).

#### Warrington Hotel—Twenty-Eight Rooms

Single rooms without bath, \$1.  
Single rooms with bath, \$1.50.  
Double rooms with bath, \$2.50.

#### Aureau Vista Hotel—Twenty Rooms

Single rooms with bath, \$1.50 and \$2.50.  
Double rooms with bath (twin beds), \$2 and \$3.50.

#### Victoria Hotel—Twenty Rooms

Single rooms without bath, \$1.  
Single rooms with bath, \$2.  
Double rooms without bath, \$2.  
Double rooms with bath, \$2 and \$3.50.

\* Connecting rooms with bath, deduct 50 cents from rate of two rooms. Suites available for parties of three and four.

**Council Meeting.**—The next meeting of the Council will be held in the offices of the Association, room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, on Saturday, January 20, 1934. \* \* \*

**Application for Place on Annual Program.**—Members who desire to present papers before the 1934 annual session, which will be held at Riverside, should write to the secretary of the section before which the particular subject should be presented.

Names and addresses of section officers are regularly published on advertising page 4 of each issue of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*.

When requesting place on the program, a brief résumé of the paper should accompany the application. \* \* \*

**Committee on Scientific Exhibits.**—To stimulate greater interest in the scientific exhibit at the annual session, a special committee has been appointed by the Council: William J. Kerr, M. D., Lyell C. Kinney, M. D., Frederick Leet Reichert, M. D., Ernest M. Hall, M. D., and Elbridge Best, M. D., chairman. \* \* \*

**Scientific Exhibits.**—Those who are interested in planning a scientific exhibit at the Riverside meeting should apply for space to the Committee on Scientific Exhibits through the State Association office, room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, before the first of March, 1934.

In making application give title and description of exhibit with an estimated amount of floor and/or wall space required.

## COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

### FRESNO COUNTY

The annual meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held December 5 at 8 p. m. in the University Sequoia Club, Dr. E. J. Schmidt presiding. Dr. Neil J. Dau acted as secretary.

The application of Dr. Lloyd James was read before the society. Dr. V. Millasich was elected to membership.

Dr. A. E. Anderson gave a brief résumé of the activities of the Hospital Insurance Committee, and stated that the Fresno County Medical Society was now ready to proceed with incorporation.

Doctor Anderson moved that the directors of the county medical society and the groups of men to be elected as directors of the corporation be empowered and authorized to proceed with the steps necessary to offer this service to the public as soon as possible. Doctor Scarboro seconded the motion, and it was passed favorably.

Doctor Dau moved that the county medical society employ Mr. Gilbert Jertberg (recommended by Mr. Hartley Peart). This motion was seconded by Doctor Randel and passed favorably.

Under new business the following were elected directors of the Hospital Insurance Plan: Doctors A. E. Anderson, J. R. Walker, and G. H. Sciaroni (three years); Doctors C. Collins, T. Sample, and E. Couey (two years); Doctors J. Morgan, Guy Manson, and W. Wiese (one year).

Under election of officers for the new year the following were elected: President, Neil J. Dau; first vice-president, W. F. Wiese; second vice-president, Kenneth Staniford; secretary, Henry Randel; librarian,

G. A. Hare. Board of Directors—E. J. Schmidt. Delegates—G. W. Walker, G. H. Sciaroni, and T. F. Madden. Alternates—E. R. Scarboro, Kenneth Staniford, R. W. Dahlgren.

NEIL J. DAU, *Secretary*.

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#### MENDOCINO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Mendocino County Medical Society was held in Talmage at 7 p. m., December 6.

Before the regular program, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Cushman entertained at dinner the combined County Medical Society and Woman's Auxiliary.

The following were present: Doctors Babcock, Bennett, Bowman, Clark, Cleland, Cushman, Hill, Hummel, Kirwin, LeBaron, Pinto, Rea, Rogers, Starbuck, Strong, Toller, and Wrinkle. Mesdames Bennett, Bowman, Cushman, Gleason, Hill, Kirwin, LeBaron, Pinto, Rankin, Rea, Rogers, and Toller.

Doctor Cushman discussed early medical conditions in California.

The following committees were appointed:  
Physical Therapy—Doctors Van Allen and Wolfe.  
Education—Doctors Cleland and Hummel.  
Cancer—Doctors Kirwin and Toller.

Medical Advisory to County Relief Committee—Doctors Babcock, Bowman, Cleland, Hill, Pinto, Rea, Scudder, and Strong.

Dr. Henry Rogers of Petaluma very thoroughly explained the activities of the State Association, especially as to the distribution of the yearly budget.

On motion of Doctors Cushman and Babcock, Doctor Bowman was nominated and elected by acclamation as president of the society for 1934.

On motion of Doctors Cushman and Kirwin, Doctor Toller was nominated and elected by acclamation as secretary-treasurer of the society for 1934.

Doctor Cushman continues as delegate to the state convention.

A combined social meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary and the County Medical Society was the climax of a most pleasant evening.

PAUL J. BOWMAN, *Secretary*.

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#### ORANGE COUNTY

The December meeting of the Orange County Medical Society was held in the Chapel of the Orange County Hospital at 8 p. m.

Dr. Mabel Geddes was elected to membership in the local society on transfer from Humboldt County.

Following the usual brief business session, mimeographed copies of correspondence from the State Association, in regard to the federal emergency relief fee schedule to be paid private physicians for work done on indigents referred through the Welfare Department, were given to each individual. The matter was referred to the Public Relations Committee.

Two representatives from a health insurance group operating in Los Angeles and planning to establish a branch in Orange County were heard. The matter was referred to the Public Relations Committee and the Committee on Medical Economics for joint investigation.

The annual election of officers was then held, with the following result. In each case, there being only one nominee, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote: President, Dr. H. Huffman; vice-president, Dr. R. E. Hawes; secretary-treasurer, Dr. W. S. Wehrly; librarian, Dr. C. D. Ball; councilor, Dr. F. H. Gobar, to succeed himself and to serve for 1934-1936. Delegate for 1934-1935, Dr. D. R. Ball, to succeed himself. Alternate, Dr. G. W. Olson.

Doctor Roblee, district councilor, then spoke on *What Do You Get for Your Money?* This was followed by Mr. Otto Jacobs, on *Treatment of Cases from the Legal Aspect*. Doctor Chase then gave an interesting paper on *Radiologist in Court—Anomalies and Errors in X-Ray Interpretation*.

WALDO S. WEHRLY, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held at the Elks Temple on Tuesday evening, October 17, 1933. The president Dr. George Briggs, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p. m. Sixty-six members were present.

Mr. Faulkner, in a short speech, made an appeal for the Sacramento Community Chest.

Doctor Wilder reported a case of foreign body—a piece of glass tubing—in the male urethra.

The papers for the evening were devoted to the subject of cystoscopic prostatectomy.

Dr. E. W. Beach opened the symposium with a historical account of *The Treatment of Obstruction to the Flow of Urine*. The three types of prostatectomy—suprapubic, perineal, and transurethral resection—were discussed and the indications for each type of operation mentioned. Doctor Beach stressed the point that there was a definite operation for every type of prostatic pathology. The paper was well illustrated by lantern slides and a moving-picture film.

Dr. Frank Ohanneson continued the symposium with a paper on the *Causes of Mortality and Complications Following Transurethral Prostatic Resection*.

Dr. E. M. Wilder stressed the importance of surgical removal of the prostate for certain types of hyperprostatism.

Dr. Nathan G. Hale closed the symposium with a paper entitled *Transurethral Resection for Relief of Prostatism*. Doctor Hale stressed the point that the type of prostatic operation to use on a given patient depended entirely on the prostatic pathology present in that patient.

The transfer of Doctor Harada from the San Francisco County Medical Society to the Sacramento Society was unanimously ratified. The applications of Doctors O'Brien, Boscoe, and Anderson were unanimously accepted.

The application of Dr. A. A. Atkinson was read for the first time.

FRANK W. LEE, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The San Bernardino County Medical Society held its regular meeting at the County Charity Hospital in San Bernardino on Tuesday, December 5, 1933.

A letter from the secretary of the Riverside County Medical Society, regarding a special meeting to be held on December 20, was read.

A letter from Doctor Dickie, regarding commercial hospital associations, was read, and as a result of this letter it was decided to postpone the vote on the proposed change in the by-laws until the Committee on Public Relations could make a further report.

Dr. E. J. Eytinge, as a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the County Hospital, briefly discussed certain phases of its management.

The application of Doctor Drummond of Randsburg was voted on and accepted. The reinstatement of Doctors Kell and Reed was voted on and accepted.

The scientific paper of the evening, *Endocrine Types*, illustrated with lantern slides, was presented by Dr. C. A. Wright of Los Angeles.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p. m., after which refreshments were served.

E. J. EYTINGE, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The October meeting of the Santa Cruz County Society was held in Santa Cruz on October 10, 1933. The speaker of the evening, Dr. Harry Alderson, presented an illustrated review and demonstration of dermatologic conditions of interest to the man engaged in general practice. A general discussion followed the pictures and proved very instructive.

The application of Dr. Reginald Rood of Davenport for membership was read and referred to the board of censors.

The November meeting of the society was held in Watsonville on November 14. The application of

Doctor Reginald Rood was approved and he was welcomed as a new member of the society.

Doctor Merrill Mensor of San Francisco was the speaker of the evening. His subject concerned industrial injuries, especially those of an orthopedic nature, and contained much valuable information. Lantern slides were used to supplement much of the data, and several new types of splints were demonstrated.

Among those absent at the November meeting was Dr. Ehler Eiskamp of Watsonville, who recently had sustained a fracture of the ankle. Recent favorable reports concerning his convalescence, however, indicate that he will soon be back with us.

SAMUEL B. RANDALL, *Secretary*.

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#### SHASTA COUNTY

The Shasta County Medical Society held its regular meeting at Dozier's Hospital on December 6, 1933. A discussion regarding the admittance of part-pay patients in county hospitals was held and it was unanimously voted by all the members that the society did not approve of the commercializing of county hospitals and the admittance of pay patients, but that county hospitals should only be used for indigent and poor people.

Dr. Guy Leslie Kay was elected a member of the society. Dr. M. D. Pratt was elected president, Dr. F. Stabel, vice-president, and Dr. F. H. Olberg, secretary-treasurer for the next year.

F. H. OLBERG, *Secretary*.

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#### SOLANO COUNTY

The Solano County Medical Society held the last meeting of the year, 1933, at the Hotel Casa de Vallejo on Tuesday evening, December 5.

Dr. John W. Green was elected president; Dr. Cary A. Snoddy, vice-president; and Dr. A. J. Ryan, secretary-treasurer, for the year 1934. Delegates to the California Medical Association convention at Riverside were also elected. Dr. P. B. Fry of Benicia is delegate, and Dr. C. A. Snoddy of Vallejo is alternate.

It was noted at this meeting that 88 per cent of the active, practicing physicians in Solano County were members of the county medical society. Dr. Henry Rogers, councilor of the California Medical Association, spoke at length on various matters pertaining to the California Medical Association, its aims, and the facts which are new and interesting concerning unemployment relief.

Doctor Rogers' remarks were followed by a presentation of the subject, *Hypertrophied Prostates*. Dr. Henry Kreutzman of San Francisco was the guest speaker, and after going into the symptoms, pathology, and surgical methods which have been in use for years, he presented a practically new method of surgical attack by a cautery loop, used through the urethra. This method was demonstrated by a motion picture which showed all the details of the performance of this new operation. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

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The October meeting was also well attended and much enjoyed, the guest speaker being Dr. LeRoy Brooks of San Francisco, who spoke on *Postoperative Care*.

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The November meeting was addressed by Dr. Max Rothschild of San Francisco, on the subject of *Pulmonary Tuberculosis*, with indications for compression of the lung, and a discussion of artificial means of compression, and a new surgical method of treatment called phrenectomy. Doctor Rothschild presented some interesting x-ray pictures of the lung, both before and after phrenectomy. A surgical explanation of phrenectomy was presented by Dr. G. D. Delprat. Discussion was general, many questions being asked, some of which were answered by Dr. H. C. Warren of San Francisco.

JOHN W. GREEN, *Secretary*.

#### SONOMA COUNTY

The Sonoma County Medical Society held its annual meeting at Sonoma Mission Inn on December 9, 1933, at 7 p. m. with a large attendance of members and their ladies.

During the turkey dinner a soloist rendered pleasing songs, and after the dinner Dr. F. E. Sohler told us of some of his experiences and impressions while in Russia this last summer. His remarks were most interesting and were appreciated by all present.

A business meeting was then held, officers' reports received and ordered filed, and communications were read and debated.

The following members were elected to office for the year 1934: President, Dr. E. J. Finnerty of Sonoma; vice-president, Dr. F. O. Butler of Eldridge; secretary, Dr. W. C. Shipley of Santa Rosa; treasurer, Dr. A. A. Thurlow of Santa Rosa.

Dr. S. Z. Peoples of Petaluma was reelected a member of the board of censors to serve until December 31, 1936.

Other minor business was transacted and the meeting adjourned to the main dining room, where dancing was enjoyed.

W. C. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

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#### STANISLAUS COUNTY

The November meeting of the Stanislaus County Medical Society was held on the 10th at Grollman's, 820 Twelfth Street. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Donald Robertson. Eighteen members were present.

A bill for projector, screen, and case, amounting to \$139.95, was ordered paid.

It was voted by the society to present Mrs. R. E. Maxwell a box of candy, for making a case for the picture projector.

Dr. John H. Woolsey of the Woodland Clinic gave a very interesting talk on *Lesions of the Colon*.

Dr. Earl H. Gray of Woodland gave a talk on *Radiologic Studies of Fractures*.

The following officers for 1934 were elected: President, Dr. J. A. Porter; vice-president, Dr. Hans Hartman; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Richard Husband; censor (for three years), Dr. E. G. Allen; delegate, Dr. R. S. Hiatt.

J. A. PORTER, *Secretary*.

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#### TULARE COUNTY

The regular November meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held on the 19th at 2 p. m. at Motley's Café in Visalia. A buffet luncheon was served.

All regular business procedures were dispensed with and the entire meeting given over to the scientific program for the afternoon. Dr. Albert G. Bower of Glendale prepared a clinic on communicable diseases. He was assisted by Doctors Tobias and Vener. These men discussed epidemic and cerebrospinal meningitis; nutritional factors in the care of communicable diseases; tetanus; nonspecific laryngeal tracheitis; pertussis; and measles. Therapeutics and practical aspects were particularly stressed. A round table of general discussion followed and a decidedly valuable meeting was adjourned at 5:30 o'clock.

Those in attendance were Doctors Preston, Kohn, Beck, A. Bond, N. Miller, E. Bond, Fels, Parkinson, Fowler, McClure, Fuller, Barber, Guido, Brigham, Weiss, Betts, Tourtilott, and Hicks.

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The stated meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held at 5:30 p. m. Sunday, December 10, 1933. A dinner preceded the program.

Various communications were read. A discussion of local dues for the ensuing year was voiced and suggestions offered for a 50 per cent reduction. Doctor Fillmore reported on the investigations of the Education Committee.

Election of officers for 1934 resulted in the following unanimous ballot: President, Dr. Donald Fowler

of Exeter; vice-president, Dr. Hicks of Tulare; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Karl F. Weiss of Visalia. Censors, Dr. E. R. Zumwalt of Tulare (one year), Dr. R. C. Hill of Exeter (two years); Dr. W. W. Tourtilott of Porterville (three years). Delegate, Dr. Frank Kohn of Tulare. Alternate, Dr. Donald Fowler of Exeter.

These officers will assume their new duties at the first 1934 meeting.

The guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Frederic C. Bost, orthopedic surgeon of San Francisco, was introduced and spoke on *Some Practical Considerations in Fracture Dislocations of the Ankle*. Mr. Gus Kern assisted Doctor Bost in the demonstration. Illustrative charts depicting the various types of fractures, based on Ashhurst's classification, were displayed and typical types further clarified by x-ray films of actual cases before and after proper reduction. Principles of treatment were definitely and clearly given. The more recent nonpadded plaster cast application technique, according to Boehler's method, was demonstrated on an ankle model. Doctor Bost's talk was much appreciated.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

### New Members (3)

*Los Angeles County*.—Calvin Albert Lauer.

*San Diego County*.—Albert Jumblatt.

*San Francisco County*.—Charles Fay Steiss.

### Transferred (1)

Mabel Geddes, from Humboldt to Orange County.

## In Memoriam

**Frankenheimer, Jule B.** Died at San Francisco, December 14, 1933, age 60. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, 1898, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Frankenheimer was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Hunter, George Graham.** Died at Los Angeles, December 13, 1933, age 57. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1906, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Hunter was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**McKinnon, George Washington.** Died at Arcata, November 21, 1933, age 67. Graduate of McGill University Faculty of Medicine, Montreal, 1888. Licensed in California in 1889. Doctor McKinnon was a member of the Humboldt County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Wightman, William Dewey.** Died at Los Angeles, December 6, 1933, age 35. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1926, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Wightman was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Wills, William Le Moyne.** Died at San Marino, December 4, 1933, age 80. Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, 1882. Licensed in California in 1883. Doctor Wills was an honorary member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

## OBITUARIES



George Graham Hunter

1876-1933

By the tragic death of Dr. George Graham Hunter on December 12, 1933, the Los Angeles County Medical Association and the California Medical Association lost a most outstanding and devoted member. In the councils of both organizations, Doctor Hunter's broad vision and sound judgment were most valuable and highly respected.

Scientific medicine, especially in neurology and psychiatry, likewise sustained a great loss. And the community and state will miss this most useful medical practitioner and civic worker.

Doctor Hunter was born in Illinois. At the age of twelve the family came to California. He attended the University of Southern California one year, but finished his college course at the University of California at Berkeley in 1903. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1906 from the same institution. In 1907 he came to Los Angeles to become associated with Dr. H. G. Brainerd and in due season became his partner.

Doctor Hunter held many positions of honor and trust in the medical organizations of the city, county, and state. He was past president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, secretary-treasurer and past president of the Clinical and Pathological Society, past president of the Society of Psychiatry and Neurology, member of the Board of Councilors of the California Medical Association, Fellow of the American College of Physicians, member of the Psychopathic Association of California, member of the Insanity Commission of the state. He was a member of the staff of the Los Angeles General Hospital for twenty years, and served on the staff of St. Vincent's, Cedars of Lebanon, California and Santa Fe hospitals, as well as several private hospitals. He served for nine months as captain of the Medical Corps with Base Hospital No. 35 in France during the World War. In addition to all of this he found time for special study in the neurologic centers of Philadelphia, Boston, and Baltimore.

Your committee feels that the splendid and most worthy tribute paid to his memory by Dr. Carl S. Patten, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles, at his funeral service so fittingly expresses the sentiments of the entire medical profession that they quote briefly from this address as follows:

"Words and names and outward professions mean little or nothing here. The question of the ancient prophet goes to the root of the matter: 'What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.' So Doctor Hunter did, and so he walked; seeking not his own

but the good of those who trusted so much to him, and in the steps and after the pattern of the Great Physician. I have not known a better Christian man.

"His attachments were deep and permanent. He gave his friendship without stint, and his love without recall. And what he thus gave was returned to him in fullest measure. He carried his family and his friends always in his heart. And what he was to those outside, that and vastly more he was to his own. One of his friends said of him: 'He wove himself into your life, so that having once known him you could not get along without him.' There is a motto that hung, and still hangs, in his house: 'If lives were measured by the joy we give, not by the years we chance to live, you, whose fine spirit helps and lifts and cheers so many of us, would live a thousand years.' And so he does live, and so he will live, among us, as long as we live."

WILLIAM DUFFIELD  
EDWARD M. PALLETTE  
CLARENCE G. TOLAND.

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### William Le Moyne Wills 1853-1933

Dr. William Le Moyne Wills died at his home, 2355 Monterey Road, San Marino, December 3, 1933, at the age of eighty years.

Doctor Wills, one of the prominent men in Los Angeles in 1887, received his literary education at Harvard and his medical education at the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, graduating there in 1882. His father was a retired lawyer, having a beautiful home on "Fort Hill," with magnificent grounds and gardens overlooking the Plaza—the old Mexican part of the city—the whole of what is now Lincoln Heights (then East Los Angeles) and the business district.

Doctor Wills was president of the Southern California Medical Society in 1890, president of the California Medical Association in 1896, and president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association in 1899.

He was one of the original members of the pioneer faculty of the medical department of the University of Southern California and held the chair of descriptive and surgical anatomy (taught anatomy eighteen years) until 1903 and then clinical surgery for the succeeding six years.

Doctor Wills was on the Board of Education from 1893 to 1897, and helped to lay the foundation for the nonpartisan Board of Education. He was also a member of the State Board of Health from 1903 until 1920, continuing on this board during these seventeen years at the request of leading members of the medical profession of Southern California. He received his first appointment by Governor George C. Pardee, and at the end of his regime Governor Pardee appointed Doctor Wills a member of the Sixth District Agricultural Board, which, by successful litigation, saved the Agricultural Park (now Exposition Park) for the State of California.

Doctor Wills's father and mother were instrumental in founding the Cremation Society of Southern California, and built the first crematory on the Pacific Coast at Rosedale Cemetery, in Los Angeles.

Doctor Wills had always taken an active interest in local politics with the aim of bettering local conditions. He was a great lover of horses and was one of the founders of the Amateur Driving Club, Los Angeles, which gave much pleasure to lovers of sport. He was one of the last doctors to give up the use of horses in his business.

Doctor Wills and his sister, Miss Wills, were prominent in founding the Children's Hospital in 1901. The General Bouton Home on Castelar Street, corner of Alpine, was purchased and used as the first building of the present Children's Hospital. For the first three years Doctor Wills was its chief surgeon.

## C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS\*

### State Medicine†

The term "state medicine" occurs with increasing frequency in medical literature and in conversations between medical men. It is used many times as if it conveyed one definite meaning.

A little conversation with doctors will soon bring out the fact that there is a variety of opinions as to what state medicine really is. As a result of this lack of uniformity of opinion some confusion has grown up concerning the whole idea.

One doctor I know has been accused of being willing to sponsor or support a movement alleged to be in the direction of state medicine, when the facts are the movement was inaugurated for the purpose of combating state medicine.

Some of this confusion of opinion is doing harm and should be cleared away. The term is not easy to define. There are many practices which one doctor may regard as state medicine and another not as state medicine. For example, organized medicine has sponsored the creation of state, county, and municipal departments of health for the purpose of carrying on certain medical activities in the interest of public health. These activities and practices constitute state medicine in a sense but they are not state medicine in another sense when their activities are kept within the proper bounds.

Organized medicine has sponsored the creation of municipal hospitals in which indigent patients receive free medical and hospital care. The plan, or system, under which these institutions operate varies. In some instances doctors who take care of patients receive remuneration. In others, the intern staff receives some remuneration, and the attending staff from the outside receives no pay whatever. When properly run such institutions are not engaged in state medicine, though they are financed by the government.

Medical organizations have sponsored the creation of tuberculosis hospitals which care for and treat tuberculosis patients free of charge, or at small cost. In most of these institutions the doctors in attendance are resident in the institution and devote their entire time to the care of such patients and draw a salary from the state, county, or municipality, as the case may be.

One might continue the enumeration of examples of medical activities on the part of the government which no one regards as state medicine, but the above will suffice to show that everyone recognizes that there are certain activities which are medical in nature which must be performed by the state or some unit of it. For the state or some unit of it to engage in a medical activity does not of itself constitute state medicine.

We propose the following as a definition: State medicine is a system of medical practice in which the physician renders services as an employee of the state and in which the patient has no voice in the selection of his physician and which practice places the physician so engaged in unfair competition with practitioners.

There are several elements in state medicine. In the first place an essential relationship between doctor and patient is destroyed. That is to say, the patient gives up his liberty of choosing his doctor and the doctor has no liberty in choosing his patient. The destruction of this relationship is of vital importance not only for the moment but for all times to come. It is the most destructive phase of the whole subject.

\* An open forum for progress notes on the department's activities, and for brief discussions on medical economics. Correspondence and suggestions invited. Address Walter M. Dickie, Room 2039, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco. This column is conducted by the Director of the Department.

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In the second place, an unethical practice is engaged in. It is unethical for the simple reason that it is unfair. Ethics is fairness. It is around this sense of fairness and sound good policy that the whole code of ethics is constructed.

From the examples cited it is obvious that it is possible for the state to render aid to sick people under such conditions and circumstances as not to constitute an unfair practice. For example, when a health department engages in activities which were never intended, it places the physicians of that department in direct and unfair competition with private physicians and they therefore become engaged in unethical and unfair practice. If a municipal hospital should inaugurate the practice of admitting and caring for patients who are not indigent then that institution would be engaging in unethical and unfair practice.

All these elements must be taken into consideration in determining whether or not a certain practice constitutes state medicine in the vicious form which organized medicine seeks to combat. There are two elements ordinarily which stand out. One is the destruction of freedom of both doctor and the patient, and the other element is the element of gross unfairness. As in the case of contract practice, elements which enter into the practice constitute the menacing feature. It is perfectly possible for a unit of the government to render medical service without violating ethical principles. When these institutions, however, engage in practices which are in violation of fundamental ethical principles then they become destructive to the best that is in people, in government, and the medical profession.

Medical activities on the part of the state become vicious and menacing state medicine when fundamental ethical principles are violated.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION\*

### Component County Auxiliaries

**Alameda County.**—The regular November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Alameda County Medical Association was held on Friday, November 17, 1933, at the Women's Athletic Club, Mrs. Charles A. Dukes, president, presiding.

The hostesses for the day were Mesdames Benjamin Black, George McClure, Nelson Keeler, and Albert Rowe.

Committee reports were heard from Mesdames William Sargent, Benjamin Black, Lloyd Kindall, Frank Baxter, Harold Trimball, Leonard Barnard, and Clarence DePuy.

New members announced were Mrs. G. W. Robinson, Mrs. Roesner Graham, and Mrs. Emery Ranker.

Officers and directors for 1934 were installed by the outgoing president, Mrs. Charles A. Dukes.

New officers are as follows: President, Mrs. William H. Sargent of Oakland; president-elect, Mrs. R. T. Sutherland of Oakland; first vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Smithies of Alameda; treasurer, Mrs. Carl Bowen of Oakland; recording secretary, Mrs. Harold Carpenter of Berkeley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ed Patterson of Oakland.

Directors: Mesdames Louis Dyke of Oakland, Harry Bell of Piedmont, A. W. Henry of San Leandro, Nelson Keeler of Piedmont, O. B. Jensen of Livermore, and Walter Dickie of Berkeley.

\* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Thomas J. Clark, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 40 Ross Circle, Oakland. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Clark and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate one page in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

Mrs. George Bell read the very interesting and dramatic English play, *Services Rendered* by Somerset Maugham.

**Contra Costa County.**—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Contra Costa Medical Association met at the home of Mrs. C. R. Blake. Reports on revision of the constitution were given by Mrs. W. Lucas.

A review of the book *100,000,000 Guinea Pigs* by Arthur Kallet and F. J. Schlink was given by Mrs. H. L. Carpenter.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. M. L. Fernandez of Pinole; first vice-president, Mrs. Kalso Dailey of Richmond; second vice-president, Mrs. M. C. Bolander of Danville; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. S. N. Weil.

Bridge was enjoyed at the close of the meeting. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Installation will be held January 9, 1934.

LILLIAN M. BLAKE.

**Los Angeles County.**—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association was held on Tuesday, November 21, at the Ebell Club Solarium.

After the luncheon the following program was given:

Book Review: *Men Against Death*—Paul de Kruif. Review by Mrs. Richard Bailey; *Current Events*, by Mrs. Shiffbauer, chairman; and *New Developments in X-Ray and Radium*, by Dr. C. R. Dunleavy.

**Orange County.**—Responding with enthusiasm to the invitation of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Orange County Medical Association, 250 guests gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnson of Anaheim on the afternoon of November 7 for a musicale, tea and fashion review that was put on for the benefit of the medical student scholarship fund.

In the receiving line greeting the guests were Mrs. C. S. O'Toole, president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. F. E. Coulter of Santa Ana, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Special guests of honor for the occasion were Mrs. James Percy of Los Angeles, junior past president of the national auxiliary, and Mrs. Philip Doane of Pasadena, state president-elect. They were introduced by Mrs. O'Toole, and each responded with a brief talk in which they likened the local group to the crowning jewel in the state diadem.

Guest artists for the musicale were: Robert L. Brown, baritone, who was accompanied by Miss Ruth Armstrong; Margaret Gaebe Fletcher, reader; and Clarence Gustlin, pianist. The fashion show presented showed the latest trend in styles at the present time.

Following the program the members and guests gathered around the tea tables for a social hour.

**Riverside County.**—Women of the auxiliary to the Riverside County Medical Society held their monthly meeting Monday evening at the Community Hospital. Hostesses for the evening were: Mrs. C. Van Swalenburg, Mrs. B. E. Garrison, and Mrs. R. M. Smith.

Dr. Bon O. Adams was the speaker for the evening, taking as his subject *Quacks and Quackery*. Mrs. A. W. Walker, president, presided at the meeting, which was attended by about twenty women. Refreshments were served by the hostesses at the close of the program.

**Sacramento County.**—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held Tuesday evening, November 16, 1933, at the home of Mrs. Burt Howard, 1224 Fortieth Street.

A short business meeting was held with the president, Mrs. Scatena, presiding. Nominations for officers



for 1934 were made, to be voted on at the next meeting. A contribution was voted to be made to the Braille system for the blind, which is carried on by contributions made to the *Readers' Digest*. Two new members were present and introduced: Mrs. Charles Vanina and Mrs. Anthony Boscoe, both of Sacramento.

In honor of our state president, Mrs. A. H. Henderson, community singing was enjoyed and taken part in by all. The Misses Jean and Bonnie Briar accompanied and also led the singing. After the singing the Misses Briar entertained with musical selections.

Mrs. Orrin Cook gave a travelogue, which was extremely interesting and much enjoyed.

After completion of the business meeting and program, Mrs. Howard, assisted by Mesdames E. T. Rulison, Charles Von Geldern, Clarence Bittner, George Foster, and E. Sevier, served refreshments.

MRS. FRANK P. BRENDDEL,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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**Santa Barbara County.**—The Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Barbara County Medical Society met at the home of Mrs. John Van Paing, 1334 Alameda Padre Serra, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, November 24. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Van Paing.

The following names for 1934 officers were presented by the Nominating Committee (comprised of Mrs. Charles Stevens, Mrs. H. J. Profant, and Mrs. A. Q. Spaulding): President, Mrs. John Van Paing; vice-president, Mrs. Horace Pierce; secretary, Mrs. W. Remfry Hunt; and treasurer, Mrs. Alfred B. Wilcox.

Since afternoon meetings apparently have been preferred to the customary Monday night meetings, Mrs. Van Paing asked for an expression of opinion for our future policy regarding these meetings. Mrs. Wilcox moved to have the meeting take place in the afternoon. Mrs. Pierce seconded the motion. Carried.

Some time was given to discussion of a plan by which members, in alphabetical order, could be asked to lend their homes for meetings. Mrs. Mellinger suggested that the hostess be relieved of the refreshment problem, this to be arranged by a special committee. The plan appeared to meet with general approval.

Some work was done in tying and binding quilts for the Red Cross.

Those present were favored by an extremely lucid talk by Dr. Ina M. Richter on *The Heart Child*, with emphasis on classification according to type of heart disease and its prognosis.

Tea was served, Mrs. Mark Thaler and Mrs. Lamb presiding at the tea and coffee urns.

MABEL HUNT, *Secretary*.

## NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

D. A. SMITH, Mina .....	President
E. E. HAMER, Carson City .....	President-Elect
J. N. VAN METER, Las Vegas .....	First Vice-President
W. H. FROLICH, East Ely .....	Second Vice-President
HORACE J. BROWN, Reno .....	Secretary-Treasurer

## COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES CLARK COUNTY

The Clark County Medical Society met at the Sal Sagio Hotel, Las Vegas, at 8 p. m. on December 12, 1933.

Dr. John M. Flude, field representative of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, presented the plans that organization has perfected and hopes to introduce into the Nevada State Society.

Dr. Norman J. Kilbourne of Los Angeles then read a paper entitled *Comparison of Operative and Injection Treatment of Hemorrhoids*—a review of sixty-two thousand cases, with lantern slides illustrating various conditions and operative technique.

New officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Dr. J. N. Van Meter; vice-president, Dr. R. D. Balcom; and secretary, Dr. C. W. Woodbury.  
J. N. VAN METER, *Secretary*.

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## WASHOE COUNTY

The annual meeting of the Washoe County Medical Society was held in the banquet room of the Hotel Riverside, Reno, Tuesday at 8 p. m. on December 12, 1933.

A heavy downpour of rain, such as is seldom witnessed, prevented many from coming out; however, the members gathered for the sake of a fraternal get-together meeting. There was no set program. There was a very happy feeling existing and a social fellowship enjoyed, feeling that there was a relief from any restraint which might otherwise mar the pleasure of the occasion.

Thirty-three active busy practitioners of medicine, surgery, radiology, bacteriology, and pathology decided that they would bid Old Man Gloom and his partner, Old Doc Lugubrious Blue, the air and told them very emphatically, in words and song and libations, that they were through with the pair, and for them not to come again.

In common with all practitioners the country over, the medical man has done more than his share of work for the distressed poor. The Government seems to have all kinds of relief agencies with the heads of the departments well paid; but even so, the humble disciples of Esculapius have never turned a deaf ear to the appeals of the poor. Thus they have sustained all over this broad land the noble principles of our profession, similar to Cincinnatus, the old Roman, whose emblem was the plough and the altar, ready for service or sacrifice. It may be true that occasionally some exceptional man who calls himself a physician may have entered the profession solely for the purpose of a gainful occupation, but we feel satisfied that, with over 150,000 physicians today in the United States, the preponderating majority of these earnest men and women are laboring in a true and better cause, and that for the betterment of humanity. As our little band of Reno physicians and those of our confrères from neighboring towns gathered about the festive board, there were no indications of bickerings or jealousy; all formalities were dropped. In our district all know one another by their given names.

With this happy feeling prevailing, the annual report of the secretary-treasurer was read and approved by the president and the censors.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. H. A. Paradis; vice-president, Dr. George H. Smith, superintendent of the Nevada Mental Hospital; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Thomas W. Bath, re-elected the seventh year in succession; censor, Dr. Frank L. Samuels.

Votes of good wishes were signified by the society for Doctors Horace J. Brown and M. A. Robison, both of whom were recovering from serious illnesses. There being no further business, the society adjourned.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary*.

**Nutrition and Food Elements.**—Within the past few years the attention of the general public has been focused upon food and foodstuffs and nutrition in general to a remarkable degree. Many persons bearing the self-conferred designation of "Nutritionist," with limited knowledge of the subject, have been urging upon the public the inclusion or exclusion of various important articles of diet. Many of these food faddists have a sincere conviction that it is their duty to save mankind from himself as relates to the ills produced by improper diet and other evils. Others, with a more mercenary interest, are offering for sale some articles alleged to contain the food elements necessary for the proper maintenance of health. Most of these persons, many of whom are sincere but misguided, seem to have a one-sided viewpoint of the broad question of nutrition and food.—Surgeon General H. S. Cumming.